

## **Waukesha County Recycling Facts For 2005**

1. In 2005, each county resident recycled an average of 187 pounds of newspapers, magazines, junk mail, cardboard, aluminum and steel cans, plastic bottles, and glass containers.
2. About 35% of the waste generated by county residents was recycled or composted last year.
3. The Waukesha County Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) processes nearly 24,000 tons of recyclables collected from residents annually.
4. MRF workers sort, bale and ship more than 1,000 semi-trailer loads of materials to markets each year to be processed into new products such as newspapers, tissue and toweling, insulation, new cans and bottles, carpeting and fiber for clothing.
5. Energy saved from recyclables processed at the county facility equals the average amount of energy use for 3,800 households annually.
6. Reduced greenhouse gas emissions from recyclables processed at the county facility are equal to removing over 10,000 cars from the road per year.
7. Each year more than 53,000 cubic yards of landfill space is saved as a result of recyclables processed at the county facility. That is the equivalent of a football field filled 40 feet high!